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Programme planning

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 120 appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/54/676.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 53rd and 58th meetings, on 21 and 31 March 2000. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/54/SR.53 and 58).

3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its thirty-ninth session[1] and a note by the Secretary-General on the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (A/C.5/54/12).

II. Consideration of draft decisions A/C.5/54/L.46 and A/C.5/54/L.47

4. At its 58th meeting, on 31 March, the Committee had before it two draft decisions coordinated on behalf of the Chairman by the representative of Côte d'Ivoire following informal consultations, the first, entitled "Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation" (A/C.5/54/L.46), and the second, entitled "Programme planning" (A/C.5/54/L.47).

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, "Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/54/16).

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5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decisions without a vote (see para. 6, draft decisions I and II).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I
Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation

1. The General Assembly takes note of the additional paragraph in rule 105.4 of the revised Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation contained in the note by the Secretary-General,[1] and recommends that the Secretary-General, in promulgating the rule, add the following sentence at the end of the paragraph:

> "Expected accomplishments shall be objective, feasible and pertinent to the nature of, and work carried out by each subprogramme."

Draft decision II
Programme planning

The General Assembly:

(a) Endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its thirty-ninth session[1] regarding evaluation, the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit and improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee within the framework of its mandate;

(b) Decides to revert to the electoral assistance programme for further review in the context of its consideration of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its fortieth session on the relevant programme of the medium-term plan.

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[1] A/C.5/54/12, para. 4.